

UPCOMING GENEALOGICAL EVENTS

- 23 February African American Genealogy Seminar sponsored by Le Comité des Archives de la Louisiane, Inc., and its African American Special Interest Group (SIG), Louisiana State Archives, 3851 Essen Lane, Baton Rouge, 9 a.m. until. This all-day seminar will feature five presentations from noted genealogical researchers. Gregory Osborn of the New Orleans Public Library will present *Beginning Genealogy for African Americans*. Renee Richard of the Diocese of Baton Rouge will present *How to Research Your African American Ancestors at the Diocese of Baton Rouge Catholic Archives*. Julia French Wood, an expert on DNA testing, will present *Tracing Your Ancestors With Genetic Testing*. Serena Haymon, a professional genealogist specializing in Souther research, will discuss *Connecting Your Ancestors Through the Mississippi and Louisiana School Censuses*. And Judy Riffel, a professional genealogist and author of numerous books and articles, will present *Identifying the Last Slaveowner*. The cost of the seminar is \$10 for current members of Le Comité registering before February 9th. For members registering after February 9th and non-members registering at any time or at the door, the cost is \$20. Lunch is not included and is “on your own.” For a registration form, contact Cherryl Forbes Montgomery at cherrylm@aol.com or Judy Riffel at riffelj@bellsouth.net.
- 26 April Louisiana Genealogical & Historical Society’s Annual Meeting and Seminar, Embassy Suites, 4914 Constitution Ave., Baton Rouge. Registration begins at 7:45 a.m. and the program begins at 9 a.m. Claire Mire Bettag, a Certified Genealogist and nationally known speaker, will present three lectures: *Assumptions in Genealogical Research: Your Own Worst Enemy*; *NARA Records and Information at Your Fingertips – How to Take Advantage of NARA Resources from Home*; and *Concepts of Civil Law and Genealogical Research*. Augusta Elmwood, a specialist in Saint Domingue research, will present *The French Colony of Santo Domingo*. Members of the LGHS registering before April 1st pay \$30. Non-members and members registering after April 1st pay \$35. A special buffet will be provided at an additional cost of \$15 per person paid in advance or at the door. For a registration form, see the society’s website at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~la-lghs/seminar.htm>